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ITEM THREE

PSYCHOLOGICAL STRATEGY PLAN PRESCRIBING SPECIFIC COURSES OF ACTION
WITH RESPECT TO GERMANY (PSB D-21)

Summary: Forwarded by the Director for approval is the psychological strategy plan for Germany (TAB C) and a covert annex (TAB D). The annex was prepared by CIA's panel member, but for security reasons was not considered by the panel as a whole; however, the annex has the approval of the appropriate PSB staff members and has been submitted to members of the Board through NSC 10/2 channels. This represents a departure from previous procedure, but was decided upon in order to obtain a definitive PSB ruling on the general scope of covert activities.

In his letter of transmittal, the Director calls attention to Page 13, Section V, Paragraph 3 of the plan which notes the need for a psychological plan for Western Europe into which the German and other European plans can be integrated. The Director endorses this recommendation.

Your special attention is invited to Sections IV and V of the plan and Annex B, the covert annex. It should be noted that Section IV (Tasks) does not expressly assign priorities for the accomplishment of tasks or indicate the duration or phasing of any particular effort. Inferentially, first priority is accorded psychological operations in the Federal Republic. Section V prescribes specific courses of action and assigns agency and departmental responsibility for execution.

Implementation

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Implementation of the Section V actions recommended by the panel will require increased stimulation of established and influential indigenous groups, and the covert annex identifies, in broad terms, the types of mechanisms that should be maintained and further developed to fulfill this responsibility.

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Recommendation: (1) That you approve the basic plan and Annex B (covert annex), as presented;

(2) That you recommend that the departments and agencies concerned using the mechanisms of the PSB coordinating committee, develop, in their respective supporting plans, priorities and phasing of assigned tasks; and

(3) That you endorse the Director's recommendation that planning be instituted for Western Europe, as a whole.